

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 14 with the following replacement paragraph:

The primary door 124 has a single latch mechanism at 130. This latch mechanism 130 operates a vertical bar 132. The ends of the bar 132 may be in the form of tongues 133 (see Figure 6) that are held in keepers 134 on the frame 101 when the primary door 124 is closed and latched. When the latch mechanism 130 is released (by operating an unlatching handle 142), the bar 132 can be rotated about its own axis to release its end portions from the keepers 134, so that the primary door 124 can be opened.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7 line 23 with the following replacement paragraph:

This latch mechanism 130 may require a key to unlock it before the unlatching handle 142 can be moved. A keyhole 162 can be seen in Figure 6. The latch mechanism 130 can however be closed without being locked, so that access by authorised personnel is not inhibited. It may also be possible to apply a separate padlock to the latch mechanism 130.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 line 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 3, which is a section on the lines A-A from Figure 2 also shows flexible seals 136 between the outer edges of the doors 124, 125 and the frame

110, and further seals 138 where the doors 124, 125 meet one another. It can also be seen from Figures 3 and 4 that the latch mechanism 130 has a part which extends through the thickness of the door to an unlatching member 140 (or “release knob 140”) on the inside surface of the primary door 124 to provide an internal door release mechanism. This internal door release mechanism is shown in more detail in Figure 5, where the main door unlatching handle accessible from outside the container is shown at 142, shielded within a housing 144.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 line 14 with the following replacement paragraph:

The internal door release mechanism includes the release knob 140 is mounted at the top of a stem 146 which projects through a recess in the door and has an opposite end which abuts against the main door unlatching handle 142. The shaft stem 146 projects through a saucer recess 148 on the inside of the door, and when the release knob 140 is pushed fully home to the floor of the recess 148, the pressure of the stem 146 acting on the unlatching handle 142 will rotate the unlatching handle 142 far enough to release the upper and lower ends of the bar 132 from their keepers 134, so that the door can be opened from inside.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 line 26 with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 5 shows a security bar 150 which is hinged to the primary door 124 at 152, extends across the housing 144, and is then retained in a socket 154 on the

secondary door 125. A padlock and/or customs seal can be applied to the socket 154 to prevent the security bar 150 from being removed. Whilst in place, the security bar 150 prevents the ~~main door-unlatching~~ handle 142 from being moved to an unlocking position.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9 line 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

The primary door 124 also has a keeper 156 (see Figure 2) into which the security bar 150 can be located once it is safe for the container door to be held closed just by the ~~lock-latch mechanism~~ 130.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9 line 11 with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 7 shows a detail of the way in which the doors seal against one another. At the outer edges of the doors, extrusions 168a and 168b are mounted, and the extrusion 168b on the primary door 124 carries an outer gasket 166 made of EPDM. The form of the extrusions 168 are such that the edge of the primary door 124 is staggered relative to the secondary door 125 which allows the primary door 124 to be easily opened and closed. Secondary lip seals 164a and 164b are mounted in identical extrusions 170a and 170b on the container interior side of the seal 166.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9 line 23 with the following replacement paragraph:

The use of a single latch mechanism 130 makes it much easier for the primary door 124 to be opened and closed than is the case with a conventional container door locking arrangement. This allows the container to be used at its destination as a storage location, where personnel need and can obtain frequent access to the contents of the container. The primary door 124 can easily be opened and closed without complication and without requiring undue strength. To ensure that the doors can always be opened, and to ensure that the seals 136, 138 make effective sealing contact between the doors and the frame, the frame is reinforced compared to standard freight containers. Additional strengthening will be built in on all four sides of the frame, so that the frame resists skewing which might otherwise arise should the container be set down on uneven ground, and which might hamper opening and closing of the doors.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 10 line 16 that begins with “the invention is especially” and ends with “not left open.”